

65,000 People in Dayton Hemmed In by Water Menaced by Fire Destroying Business District

Looter Caught Robbing Homes of Flood Victims Killed by Guard

AT COLUMBUS MANY PERISH FROM EXPOSURE AFTER SPENDING TWO NIGHTS ON TOPS OF BUILDINGS

CALAMITY IS WORST SINCE THE GALVESTON DISASTER AND TOTAL DEATH LIST YET UNDETERMINED

PRESIDENT WILSON ANNOUNCES HE WILL GO TO SCENE OF FLOODS IF PRESENCE WILL HELP

DAYTON, OHIO, MARCH 27.—A SMALL PORTION OF DAYTON'S CITIZENS FROM REFUGES AT THE HIGHEST POINT IN THE CITY AWAITED ANXIOUSLY TODAY TO LEARN THE FATE OF AT LEAST 65,000 PEOPLE HEMMED IN BY THE RAGING FLOOD OF WATER AND MENACED BY FIRE.

HOW MANY HAVE SURVIVED, NO ONE KNOWS. NUMEROUS FIRES HAVE SPRUNG UP SINCE THE WATER FROM THE BURSTED RESERVOIR PENNED IN THE 10,000, BUT THE WORST BLAZE started yesterday afternoon and is still claiming its toll of property and doubtless many lives. It is thought that 250 persons are in the Beckel hotel which is in the path of the flames.

The fire today is sweeping the entire downtown district and the flames are leaping hundreds of feet in the air. The weather is bitter cold and snow is falling, adding to the suffering of those trapped on the tops of houses. The city was proclaimed under martial law yesterday. Last night a man caught robbing the homes of flood victims was shot dead by a state guardsmen doing patrol duty. Vice-mayor Huber has called on the nearby towns for fire fighting apparatus and dynamite with which to blow up buildings surrounding the conflagration.

Reports from Lewistown say the huge reservoir there is in danger of breaking. Should it give way another flood would sweep down upon this city. There is great danger of disease breaking out. It is impossible to reach the scene of the fire in central Dayton as boats cannot live in the rushing waters.

Fire Under Control.
COLUMBUS, Ohio, Mar. 27.—Gov. Cox was informed by telephone from Dayton that the fire in that city is under control and is practically ended.

Wilson to Visit Scene.
WASHINGTON, Mar. 27.—President Wilson has decided to go to the scene of the floods if his presence will do good. He will await a report from Secretary of War Garrison, who started this morning to take control of the relief work.

Bridges Washed Away.
ALBANY, N. Y., Mar. 27.—Bridges have been washed away, and the railroad's great barge canal locks and dams are in peril.

The Hudson river is already ten feet above normal and is steadily rising. The lower portion of Albany is inundated.

Columbus Has Heavy Loss.
COLUMBUS, Ohio, Mar. 27.—Between 600 and 1000 persons are believed to have lost their lives in the floods in West Columbus according to representatives of the Columbus Dispatch who have gotten into communication with the previously isolated section of the city. This estimate is given by those in charge of relief stations on the hilltop which is crowded with refugees.

After two nights of horror, during which hundreds clung to housetops calling for help, dozens perished in the tree tops, and many are still beyond help. The cold wave caused many to freeze and lose their grip and drop into the water. Vandals have begun looting, and the militia

AUTOMOBILES TO RACE ON AUTO LAKE FOR \$1,000

TOM MURPHY AND B. BRAGG ARRANGE FOR 75 MILE SPEED CONTEST.

An automobile race for a bet of \$1,000 will be run on Auto lake, 11 miles southeast of Tonopah some date next week. Arrangements for the match were completed today by Tom Murphy, the Goldfield mining man, and P. Bragg, of the Bragg and Swanson garage.

Murphy is the owner of a 40 h. p. Pope Toledo 1913 stock car and he is firm in his belief that his machine can travel some. Bragg owns a 40 h. p. Apperson Jackrabbit and he likewise contends that his vehicle can travel a little bit faster than the Murphy car. Both gentlemen have engaged in several arguments as to the merits of their respective cars and to really determine the best car of the two the race was agreed upon.

The race will be for 75 miles and over the smooth surface of Auto lake. Record time should be made as the course around the lake will be about 15 miles in length with no sharp turns. Shorty Kutzka will drive the Murphy machine and will be assisted by Otto Wise as mechanic. Bragg will drive his own car.

Considerable enthusiasm is being manifested in the coming contest by local motor enthusiasts and it is expected that a large number of bets will be wagered on the outcome. The contest will also be witnessed by a large crowd from both Tonopah and Goldfield.

LOCAL PEOPLE HAVE RELATIVES IN FLOOD ZONE

MANY UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO SECURE NEWS OF LOVED ONES.

Several residents of this city have relatives in Omaha, Dayton and other of the disaster-ridden cities. Yesterday a number of telegrams were sent from this city through the telegraph offices in an effort to find some trace of relatives in those cities.

Rev. J. M. Swander of the Presbyterian church has two sisters in Dayton and has been unable to hear from them.

Mrs. N. L. Shade has relatives at Galesburg, Ill., which was partially wrecked by the tornado Sunday, but the lack of news from that point indicates that all escaped injury.

In all cases wherein trace is sought of relatives it has been impossible to secure news. Messages are accepted for the Ohio and Indiana towns subject to delay.

TEMPERATURE REPORT.

Highest temperature yesterday, 40; a year ago, 44.
Lowest temperature last night, 39; a year ago, 23.

LATE ESTIMATES PLACE TOTAL DEATH LIST AT 5,000

PROPERTY LOSS THROUGHOUT OHIO WILL REACH OVER ONE HUNDRED MILLION.

COLUMBUS, O., Mar. 27.—The rivers throughout Ohio are receding. It is thought the total loss of life in this state will run over 2000, and possibly much higher, if the late estimate of 5000 at Dayton is correct. The property loss is one hundred million, nearly half of which is at Dayton. At Delaware, 33 are known dead. Sidney reports 100 dead and Tiffin 50. At Piquette 500 are dead according to one report. The governor has declared a general holiday for ten days.

AUTO PARTY IS OFF FOR VISIT WILLOW CREEK

J. J. VIGNOLO WILL SPEND SEVERAL DAYS INSPECTING MINING INTERESTS.

J. J. Vignolo, proprietor of the Nevada club, who is heavily interested in the Willow Creek mining district, being a part owner of the property upon which the original strike was made and also having an interest in the A and Double J lease, left this morning in his automobile for the eastern camp. Vignolo was accompanied by Al Frevert and Owen Dougherty.

The party will remain at Willow Creek for two or three days and a careful inspection of the work already carried out will be made. In addition the other properties in the district will be visited. The A and Double J lease is extracting shipping ore that averages \$24 to the ton and it is expected that a shipment will be made to this city before long. The shipping costs alone will total about \$40 to the ton.

The Willow Creek company is contemplating purchasing a five-ton auto truck to be used in transporting the ore to this city and the actual purchase of the machine, it is understood, will be made within the next month or so.

MOOSE BROWSE GREEN HERBAGE LAST EVENING

CANDIDATES INITIATED AND EXCELLENT PROGRAM OF FUN FOLLOWS MEETING.

Browsing was good last night at the meeting of the Tonopah lodge of Moose and the members partook of the green herbage until a late hour this morning. Several new candidates were initiated into the order and following the initiatory exercises the real fun of the evening started.

Several white hopes were discovered among the membership and the manner in which the mainly art was demonstrated sufficed to provide entertainment of what really happened at the Johnston-Jeffries fight, while Bill Ackerman and Bill Trabert posed as lightweights. Both bouts were exciting and there were times when it was feared they would not land a

DEAD BODIES ARE STACKED THREE FEET DEEP AT DAYTON

TOTAL NUMBER OF DEAD WILL NEVER BE KNOWN AS BODIES FLOAT DOWN RIVER.

BULLETIN.
DAYTON, O., Mar. 27.—3:10 p. m.—Fires again broke out this afternoon and are now burning fiercely.

DAYTON, O., Mar. 27.—Further danger of the flood is passing today with the falling waters, but there is an expectation of great loss of life from famine, sickness and exposure is growing. The water receded three feet during the night. It is believed the fires are under control.

The report of the bursting of the Lewistown dam above the city caused alarm, but the dam was strengthened throughout and will hold. Many dead are being removed from the river and stacked three deep along the bank. The total number of dead will never be known. The five different sections of the town are practically cut off from each other.

VESTRYMEN AT ST. MARK'S CHURCH ARE SELECTED

ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS HELD RECENTLY AT THE CHURCH RECTORY.

The annual election of officers of St. Marks Episcopal church was held at the rectory recently and the following selections were made:
Church wardens, Edwin Mills and H. W. Albert.

Vestrymen, Vail Pittman, Hiram Blyden, Lou Herring, Dr. Robert O'Neal, Chauncey Smith, Harry Atkinson and Andrew Robins.

The vestrymen appointed Mrs. McDonald as church organist and an invitation was extended to Mrs. Leonard Hanly to be choir director for the ensuing year. The affairs of the church were found to be in splendid condition and Rev. George Gallap, rector, was complimented upon the splendid showing.

MINER SUCCUMBS TO ATTACK OF PNEUMONIA

Karl Lindbeck, a miner, died at the Miners' hospital this morning from pneumonia. The remains were removed to the undertaking parlors of Wagoner and Cavanaugh where they will be held until the funeral arrangements are completed. Lindbeck was formerly employed at the Extension, and on March 29 he was admitted to the hospital. From what can be learned he has no relatives in this country. He was a native of Finland. The funeral will probably be held under the auspices of the Miners' union, of which organization the deceased was a member.

AUTO PARTY GOES TO CAMP OF REPUBLIC

The Consolidated auto left this morning with tents, provisions and mining tools for the new camp of Republic.

Owners of above outfit who accompanied them were Ed Finn, Jack Grant, G. A. Roberts, J. Kolner and Jack Britt. The rush is now on to Republic, southern Nevada's new and latest Eldorado.

The air of expectation added to the merriment.

An excellent banquet was served at the conclusion of the program and various sorts of impromptu speeches were rendered by the prominent members of the order.

ATTORNEY GENERAL THATCHER APPOINTS WM. FORMAN TO MAKE INVESTIGATION OF STATE BANK CO.

Announcement Is Made This Morning by Thatcher Shortly After His Arrival From Carson

Attorney William Forman of Tonopah will have charge of the investigation of the State Bank and Trust company, as authorized by the legislature, according to Attorney General George B. Thatcher who arrived this morning from Carson. The legislature placed the matter of conducting the investigation in the hands of the attorney general and an appropriation of \$5000 was made to cover the expenses.

During the recent legislative session Forman was chairman of the assembly judiciary committee and the data gathered by the committee that investigated the State Bank was placed in his hands. He is well informed as to the actual condition of the defunct bank affairs and is thoroughly qualified to conduct the work demanded. His honesty and integrity make him fit for the position and if anything of a crooked nature is discovered the facts are bound to be reported and the necessary action taken. Forman will leave shortly for Carson where he will take up his new duties.

It was thought at first that it would be impossible to appoint Forman as the special investigator, owing to a clause in the constitution. However, the clause provides that no member of the legislature is eligible to appointment to an office created by the legislative body in which he is sitting. As no office was created when the \$5000 was appropriated, the attorney general is of the opinion that Forman is eligible to the appointment. Should the facts be found otherwise, Thatcher declares he will appoint Forman as his deputy and place his present deputy, E. T. Patrick, in charge of the bank investigation. By the mere switching of positions the law can be obeyed to the fullest extent.

"It is my intention to thoroughly sift the bank matter to the bottom," declared Thatcher this morning. "If the evidence shows that there has been wrong doing on the part of any person, that person will be punished to the full extent of the law. I am not going into the matter with the sole idea of proving any set of persons guilty, but am going to proceed with the purpose of discovering if there has been guilty transactions. Every person and official under suspicion will be afforded a square deal, but they will not be shielded if transactions have occurred that are not in accordance with the law."

"It has been freely charged that Judge Langan of the Carson district court has been in collusion with 'Rodeliver' Whites of the bank, and these charges will be investigated. The legality of all transactions will be investigated and every detail, no matter how remote it might be, will be sifted."

"The legislature has seen fit to place the investigation in my hands

Something About the Progress of the Press

"YOU cannot see the forest for the trees," said a historian, "or history in the making for being so close to the event."

He wrote before the present greatness of the newspapers was attained. Nowadays the history of the minute is yours when you pick up your daily newspaper. Not only those things which happen in the city, and throughout the country, but throughout the world. There are romances back of this achievement, tales of suffering, of loyalty to the paper, of long hours, of strenuous endeavor and daring.

Consider carefully this composite wonder, the newspaper which you buy daily for an insignificant price. Usually it contains several square yards of paper, and, in the metropolitan dailies, its lines of type set end to end would extend for miles. And all this type must be set in a few short hours. The wonder is that your paper does not cost you many times its present price.

The advertisements, as well as the news, are of great importance because they bring you the store news of leading merchants and tell you of opportunities to purchase at a big saving in price.

TWO CASES TO BE INVESTIGATED BY GRAND JURY

INQUISITORIAL BODY WILL MEET THIS AFTERNOON IN ROOMS AT COURT HOUSE.

For the purpose of considering two cases the Nye county grand jury will convene this afternoon at the grand jury rooms in the court house. The first case to be considered will be the charge of assault and battery against C. M. Gorton of Silver Bow, W. C. Cook, the complaining witness, who was ill and could not attend the last grand jury session, will be present this afternoon and give his version of the fight between himself and Gorton in which he was beaten over the head with his own revolver after it had been wrested from him by his antagonist.

Frank Baker, arrested at Rhyolite after he had forced an entrance to the Tonopah and Tidewater railroad depot, will also have his case investigated. Baker was bound over to appear before the inquisitorial body by the justice of the peace at Rhyolite.